

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote
2 sites comprising the steps of:

3 (a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site, prior
4 to a callback time of the remote sites;

5 (b) reporting which of the files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites
6 to the central site; and

7 (c) determining within the central site which of the files needs to be sent to each of
8 the plurality of remote sites.

1 2. The method of claim 1 in which the providing step (a) utilizes a file system
2 synchronization (FSS) helper application.

1 3. The method of claim 1 in which the reporting step (b) utilizes a file system
2 synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

1 4. The method of claim 1 in which the determining step (c) utilizes an automated
2 central site operation mechanism.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.
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1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date and time
2 stamped.

1 7. A system for synchronizing files comprising:
2 a central site, the central site including a file system synchronization (FSS)
3 helper application and an automated central site operations (ACSO) mechanism for
4 transmitting the list of files; and
5 at least one remote site, the at least one remote site including a file system
6 synchronization remote operating mechanism (FSS RSO), wherein the FSS RSO mechanism
7 creates a group of files it will need based upon the transmitted files.

1 8. The system of claim 7 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

1 9. The system of claim 8 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date stamped.

1 10. The computer readable medium containing program instructions for
2 synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote sites, the program
3 instructions for:

4 (a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site, prior
5 to a callback time of the remote sites;

6 (b) reporting which of the files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites
7 to the central site; and

8 (c) determining within the central site which of the files needs to be sent to each of

9 the plurality of remote sites.

1 11. The computer readable medium of claim 10 in which the providing step (a)
2 utilizes a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application.

1 12. The computer readable medium of claim 10 in which the reporting step (b)
2 utilizes a file system synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

1 13. The computer readable medium of claim 10 in which the determining step (c)
2 utilizes an automated central site operation mechanism.

1 14. The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the list of files comprises a
2 loadlist.

1 15. The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein each of the files in the
2 loadlist are date and time stamped.

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